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1. THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT DURING THE JANUARY 1-SEPTEMBER 30, 1976
REPORTING PERIOD WAS THE DRAFTING OF NEW DRUG LEGISLATION (SIGNED
INTO LAW IN OCTOBER), WHICH RESPONDS TO INCREASED LOCAL
CONCERN OVER DRUG ABUSE AND REPRESENTS A STEP TOWARDS A
PROGRESSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM
IN BRAZIL. THE NEW LAW STIFFENS PENALTIES FOR
CONVICTED TRAFFICKERS, REDUCES PENALTIES AND IN SOME
CASES DECRIMINALIZES ADDICTS CAUGHT WITH PERSONAL USE QUANTITIES
OF DRUGS, PROVIDES FOR REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMS FOR SUCH PERSONS,
MANDATES TEACHER TRAINING IN DRUG ABUSE AS WELL AS STUDENT INSTRU-
TION AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL LEVEL, REQUIRES THAT THE NECESSARY
STATISTICS BE MAINTAINED TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE PICTURE OF THE
COUNTRY'S DRUG RELATED DEATHS AND TAKES THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS
CREATION OF A PROFESSIONAL CLASS OF NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT

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OFFICERS IN BRAZIL.

2. CONSIDERABLE DOUBT EXISTS AS TO WHETHER THE LIMITED INFRA-STRUCTURE OF THIS DEVELOPING COUNTRY WILL PERMIT THE FULL REAL-IZATION OF SUCH AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY AS RELATES TO MEDICAL TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION. HOWEVER, THAT PORTION OF THE NEW LAW WHICH MOST DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTES TO THE GOALS OF THE NCAP, I.E., A REQUIREMENT THAT IN THE FUTURE, ONLY POLICEMEN WITH SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS TRAINING MAY WORK IN THE NARCOTICS REPRESENTATION SECTOR OF THE FEDERAL POLICE (DPF), STANDS A GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCESS, SINCE IT COINCIDES WITH AND WILL MUTUALLY REINFORCE AN ONGOING PROGRAM OF RAPID EXPANSION IN THE DPF AND ITS NARCOTICS SQUAD.

3. DEA DISTRICT OFFICES ESTABLISHED IN RIO DE JANEIRO AND SAO PAULO IN LATE 1975 MADE POSSIBLE INCREASED LIAISON AND COOPERATION WITH BRAZILIAN COUNTERPARTS. EQUIPMENT, TRAINING, AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER CCINC HAVE SUPPORTED THE DPF'S EFFORTS TO PROFESSIONALIZE ITS OWN ACTIVITIES AND HAVE ALSO MADE THE FORCE A MORE ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE AGENCY IN COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATIONS OF INTEREST TO DEA.

4. OPERATION AMAZON, AND INTELLIGENCE PROBE ON COCAINE SMUGGLING IN THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON BORDER AREAS, WAS LAUNCHED BY DEA IN MAY. THE EFFORT CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF DEFINED COCAINE TRAFFICKING ROUTES THROUGH BRAZIL FROM COLOMBIA, PERU, AND BOLIVIA, AND DEVELOPED INDICATIONS THAT COCAINE LABORATORIES EXIST HERE TO PROCESS RAW COCAINE GROWN IN BOLIVIA AND PERU.

5. BRAZILIAN NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE, WITH INPUT FROM DEA SOURCES, IS ALSO REVEALING WIDESPREAD USE OF COCAINE IN THE MAJOR CITIES OF RIO AND SAO PAULO. HOST COUNTRY NARCOTICS AUTHORITIES HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT COCAINE ON THE STREET OF THESE CITIES REPRESENTS AN INCREASING SIDE EFFECT OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC DIRECTED PRIMARILY AT U.S. AND EUROPEAN MARKETS, AND THAT IT IS THUS IN THE COMMON INTEREST TO COMBAT THAT TRAFFIC VIGOROUSLY.

6. APPROXIMATELY 12,000 GRAMS OF COCAINE POWDER DESTINED FOR THE U.S. AS WELL AS 12,900 DOSEAGE UNITS OF PERVITIN (AN ARGENTINE MANUFACTURED METHAMPHETAMINE) FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY BRAZILIAN NARCOTICS OFFICIALS THROUGH DEA-ASSISTED INVESTIGATIONS.

CCINC FUNDED PROJECTS

A. FEDERAL POLICE (ENFORCEMENT AND CONTROL)

7. DEA TWO-WEEK NTI INTERNATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS WERE HELD IN BELEM IN JUNE AND IN RIO DE JANEIRO DURING SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, AND WERE ATTENDED BY 80 FEDERAL AND STATE POLICE OFFICERS FROM

SIX STATES AND TERRITORIES. (THE ENTHUSIASM GENERATED BY THE SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS INTEREST STIMULATED BY WIDER CONTACTS BETWEEN BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS AND THE AUGMENTED DEA COMPLEMENT IN BRAZIL, HAVE RESULTED IN NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING.) EIGHT BRAZILIAN POLICE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE DPF NARCOTICS DIVISION AND THE CHIEFS OF THE DPF NARCOTICS SECTIONS FOR RIO DE JANEIRO AND SAO PAULO STATE, ATTENDED THE DEA SIX-WEEK EXECUTIVE MID-MANAGEMENT SCHOOL AT NTI, WASHINGTON. (FOUR ALUMNI OF THAT SCHOOL ATTENDED THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE HELD IN JULY FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES. THE CONFERENCE GAVE THE BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIRM UP INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS AND INITIATE AGREEMENTS FOR OPERATIONAL COOPERATION).

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8. MAJOR DELIVERIES OF EQUIPMENT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD FILLED THE COMMUNICATIONS PORTION OF THE PROJECT AGREEMENT SIGNED IN JANUARY 1975, AND CONSIDERABLY ENHANCED THE COMMUNICATIONS AND CENTRAL COORDINATION CAPABILITY OF THE DPF IN ITS NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION ROLE, BY PERMITTING NEAR INSTANTANEOUS CONTACT BETWEEN THE CHIEF OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION IN BRASILIA AND WIDELY DISPERSED FIELD UNITS, OFTEN LOCATED IN REMOTE AREAS POOR-

LY SERVED BY LAND COMMUNICATIONS. HANDI-TALKIES SUPPLIED UNDER THE COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT PACKAGE HAVE ASSISTED THE OPERATIONS OF NARCOTICS UNITS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, PARTICULARLY IN URBAN AREAS, ALTHOUGH THE SCARCITY OF UNITS AND TIGHT DPF ALLOCATION POLICY HAVE SO FAR LIMITED THE IMPACT OF THIS EQUIPMENT.

9. SEPTEMBER SAW THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAJOR COMPONENT OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT ORDERED UNDER THE NOVEMBER 1975 AMENDMENT TO THE EARLIER PROJECT AGREEMENT: A MASS SPECTROMETER GAS CHROMATOGRAPH SYSTEM. PHYSICAL FACILITIES AT THE NATIONAL CRIME LABORATORY IN BRASILIA ARE CURRENTLY BEING PREPARED FOR INSTALLATION OF THE UNIT, WITH INSTRUMENT TRAINING OF PERSONNEL SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER. WHEN INSTALLED AND FUNCTIONING, THE SPECTROMETER WILL CONSIDERABLY IMPROVE THE MATERIALS ANALYSIS CAPABILITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE NATIONAL LABORATORY, WHICH IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE SOPHISTICATED BACKSTOPPING FOR SEVEN OTHER REGIONAL LABORATORIES WHICH ARE BEING ESTABLISHED OR IMPROVED BY THE DPF. DEVELOPMENT OF THE LABORATORY SYSTEM WILL PERMIT THE POLICE TO MEET TIGHT DEADLINES SET UNDER LOCAL LAW FOR ANALYSIS OF THE NARCOTICS EVIDENCE WHICH FORMS THE BASIS FOR DETENTIONS OF SUSPECTS.

10. EQUIPMENT STILL IN PIPELINE AS OF 9/30/76 CONSISTED OF RESIDUAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL POLICE LABORATORIES; AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR NARCOTICS TRAINING COURSES AND INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS AT THE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY IN BRASILIA; AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL HANDIE-TALKIES, ARCOTEST KITS, AND CAMERA/SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT ORDERED UNDER AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN JUNE 1976 AND AUGUST 1976.

1. B CUSTOMS. NO CINC FUNDS ARE CURRENTLY BEING PROVIDED TO THE CUSTOMS SERVICE, ALTHOUGH IT REMAINS THE MISSION'S GOAL TO ENLIST CUSTOMS' PARTICIPATION IN THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM. THE MISSION'S APPROACHES AT VARYING LEVELS TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAVE TO DATE PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL. THEREFORE, AS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, NCAP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR THE CUSTOMS SERVICE REPRESENT A REQUEST FOR CONTINGENCY RESOURCES, TO PUT THE EMBASSY IN A POSITION TO CONTINUE OFFERING COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS TO CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AND TO PROMPTLY RESPOND TO ANY OPENINGS IN THIS AREA. CRIMMINS

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